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Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports 2 deaths during the week. No contagious diseases. Inspected 11 vessels during the week.

Respectfully, J. M. LINDSLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of coastwise vessels at Cienfuegos.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *December 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that in accordance with recommendations made by Asst. Surg. S. B. Grubbs, U. S. M. H. S., the following schedule for the inspection of coastwise vessels has been made:

Steamships Manzanillo and Sancti Spiritus.—Inspected at Santa Cruz, Wednesday, 11 a. m., on outgoing trip. Inspected at Casilda, Monday, 3 p. m., on return trip.

Steamship Independiente.—Inspected at Casilda, Monday, 6 a. m., on outgoing trip. Inspected at Cienfuegos, Friday, 1 p. m., on return trip.

Steamships Antinogenes and Reina de los Angeles.—Inspected at Cienfuegos, Friday, 11 a. m., on outgoing trip. Inspected at Santa Cruz, Friday, 10 a. m., on return trip.

Steamship Josefita.—Inspected at Cienfuegos, Monday, 11 a. m., on outgoing trip. Inspected at Casilda, Wednesday, 8 a. m., on return trip.

Respectfully, J. M. LINDSLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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Report on Mariel Quarantine Station, near Havana, Cuba.

HAVANA, CUBA, *December 5, 1899.*

SIR: Mariel is situated about 21 miles west of Havana, on the northern coast of the island of Cuba. It has an excellent harbor, reached by a narrow channel having a depth of not less than 5 fathoms, thus permitting the passage of the largest vessels. The channel is at present partly closed by the wreck of the Spanish steamer *Alfonso XII,* but there is a clear space of nearly 200 feet between the wreck and the opposite headland.

The town of Mariel has a population of about 3,000, and is situated about 2 miles from the entrance to the harbor.

The quarantine station occupies a point immediately within the entrance to the harbor. This is known as Regla Point, and is surrounded on two sides by water, and cut off from the adjacent country by a stone wall about 9 feet high, extending from sea to sea, a distance of about 1,150 feet. The inclosure is triangular in shape, and the ground is flat and moderately elevated above the level of the sea. Beyond the wall the ground rises in gentle slopes to the surrounding hills.

The reservation as above described is divided into two unequal parts by a stone wall about 5 feet high, immediately adjoining which is a disinfecting house—the smaller portion of the reservation being considered as the "infected" part, and the larger as the "noninfected" part.

The situation of Mariel is admirably adapted for a quarantine station